

KIKU PARTIES IN JAPAN.

Reason When the Mikado's Kingdom Shows the Christenthom.

In Tokyo alone, it is estimated, in its two suburbs, the two great public kiku (chrysanthemum) shows are held, and the whole countryside turns to merrymaking for miles around. Miniature landscape effects are most admired, and most of those are done entirely in chrysanthemums, even to the human figures. Historical tableaux are done, too.

As for the private shows—everybody from the mikado down seems to give, only in this case, says the Philadelphia Record, it is called a chrysanthemum party. The one in question was given by Mr. Sonay, Japan's minister of finance, his palace and gardens being at the disposal of the chrysanthemum society. In addition to the feast of flowers, there was in every available recess and in tents scattered through the gardens, the most lavish entertainment, viands and wines of the choicest, with the guests of the mikado ready to serve the guests.

Strange to relate, none but the cut flowers were for competition, and these were labeled "new seedlings only." Three sorts seemed to be the favorites, flowers with petals in spiral effects (the outside dots stand upright), flowers with hair-fine florets either erect or hanging comfortably, and those with soft-colored, broad petals (so that they recurve in the wind). Big labels, made of wood as this is a shaving, are featured.

The Jap, with his true eye to nature, gives a place to what looks like stervelings when placed beside the pampered, over-fed. These look as if they had been seen by the wayide and got along as best they might.

But not all are of the neglected sort. There are great specimen plants that make wonder-lovers exclaim, "How beautiful!" and the protection of three-headed tents, attracted great attention. If you'll believe it, the Uncle Sam was one. It was introduced in this country a few years ago, but it is not in the imperial gardens. On it were counted 250 perfect blossoms of the much admired shaggy sort. But in point of blossoms, a wonder-grown in the mikado's garden, which has the number 800 on it, has not yet been disseminated.

For these great specimens a complicated lot of wire stakes and circles are used to hold them and flowers to the admired "practical form."

The main stem, or trunk, of this great plant is but eight inches in height.

CORRECT TO A SECOND.

Man Who Had a Wonderfully Accurate Idea of Time.

A lawyer had seen the story of the witness who was confident of his accurate notion of time, and was quoted to his idea of two minutes.

A watch was held, and at the end of 20 seconds he declared that two minutes had elapsed.

The lawyer resolved to try the experiment on a sailor in the hospital, whose deposition he was taking in regard to a collision and the time which had elapsed after the vessel left the wharf. The sailor answered: "About ten minutes."

"About ten minutes," said the lawyer, "how long do you think ten minutes to be?"

"About ten minutes," said the sailor.

The lawyer stood with his back to the mantle, on which a little clock was facing the sailor.

After three minutes the lawyer exclaimed: "Look here, are you going to keep us waiting all day?"

"No answer."

The hand of the clock was on the exact point of ten minutes as the sailor said, calmly: "The time must be about up."

"Well," said the lawyer, "of all men, dying or alive, that I ever saw, you are accurate time best."

Watch Glasses.

In the production of common watch glasses the glass is blown into a sphere about 40 inches in diameter, sufficient material being taken to give the desired thickness, as the case may be. Discs are then cut out from the sphere with the aid of a pair of compasses, having a diameter at the extremity of one leg. There is a knack in detaching the disc after it has been cut. A good workman will cut 6,000 glasses in a day.

Quinine in India.

Quinine is sold in every rural post office in India at the rate of 20 grains for a penny. In Bengal last year 1,000,000 grains of quinine were sold.

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RUSSIAN PERSECUTION.

Harsh Treatment of Sect Known as the Studists.

Recently in the Odessa district court was heard the case of the peasants from the village Good Hope (Dobrya Nadzhdia)—Bartion and Maria Timoshenko, T. and J. Vitukov and others to the number of 20 persons—accused under paragraph 29 of the penal code, says the Odessa Novosti.

On February 10 the accused assembled in the house of H. Timoshenko and were praying to God. When police officials entered the said house, they found that one of the Studists—T. Vitukov—was reading the Gospel. Akulina Kravchenko was reading something and was crying, and when asked to disperse they replied they would not disperse until they had finished praying to God. The local clergyman testified that all the accused, with the exception of G. Vitukov, belonged to the sect of Studists.

Brought into court by the priests of the second cantonment, the accused did not acknowledge themselves to be Studists. The rural chief of the Fourth section of the Odessa district, Mr. Emeljanov, taking into consideration that the accused are absolutely disinclined to submit to the directions of the government, which forced Studists to carry out congregational Divine service, and that the majority of them are several times annually called to account for similar offenses, sentenced 17 of the peasants to a fine of 40 rubles each, or an alternative, if they are unable to meet it, of imprisonment for one month and a half each. Three of the peasants being orthodox, and having accidentally visited this congregation, were acquitted by the rural chief. A few days ago this case was reexamined in the Odessa district assembly of judges, in consequence an appeal made by the accused. In their petition the accused, among other considerations, put forth the plea that freedom of religion is granted not only to Christians, but also to Mohammedans and pagans; that the fundamental law (paragraph 45, volume 1, part 1, of the law code) makes no exceptions—everybody praises God according to his own understanding and conscience. The prosecution, however, the clergyman, Sandulski, the petitioners held incompetent, in consequence of his want of knowledge of the religious dogmas of the Studists and the Baptists. Insisting on their rights as Christians, they asserted a casual character and that they were only praying that the Lord bless the distant journey of their relations and fellow-villagers, who were emigrating to the provinces of Dniepropetrowsk and Odessa, and begged the court to acquit them. The assistant procurator, in presenting his conclusions to the court, found it necessary to point out that the accused were quite within their rights in objecting to the orthodox clergyman as an expert on the subject of Studists, and that other and different experts should be called. The judges retired, and after ten minutes' consultation returned and confirmed the sentence of the rural chief.

A Bank Engineer.

The engraver of the Bank of France is not to be envied in regard to the conditions under which he works. The bank is about to issue a new thousand-franc note, and the engraver has been working at the plates for the last 18 months. Each morning he arrives at the bank, where a special room is reserved for him. Here one of the most trusted of the bank messengers greets him, locks him in, and mounts guard outside the door. In the evening all the plates and accessories are put in a box, which is sealed up and transported to the vaults below, where it is locked up for the night.

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